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SUBJ: CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM
FY 74 - THOMAS WALSH

1. EMBASSY HIGHLY RECOMMENDS THOMAS WALSH, IRELAND'S FOREMOST AGRICULTURAL EXPERT AND DIRECTOR OF THE IRISH AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE (SINCE ESTABLISHMENT), FOR AN FY 74 IVP GRANT.

2. BORN JULY 18, 1914, CO. WEXFORD. IRISH CITIZEN. ADDRESS: 3 TREES AVENUE, MOUNT MERRION, CO. DUBLIN. HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING DEGREES FROM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND: BACHELOR AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE (HONORS) IN 1937; M.AGR.SC.1938; PH.D. 1941; D.SC. 1947; DOCTOR OF LAWS DEGREE HONORIS CAUSA CONFERRED BY THE SENATE OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND IN 1972.

3. PREVIOUS POSITION: RESEARCH OFFICER WITH IMPERIAL CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES LTD. AND ADVISOR IN AGRICULTURE IN CO. TIPPERARY 1937. LECTURER IN SOIL SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN 1938/45. SOILS ADVISORY OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1945/52 AND SENIOR INSPECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 1952/58. DIRECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE SINCE 1958.

4. A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF SOME EIGHTEEN IRISH AND INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS.
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HAS CONTRIBUTED ARTICLES TO OVER ONE HUNDRED PUBLICATIONS

DEALING WITH SOIL SCIENCE, PLANT NUTRITIONS, FERTILIZER USE AND THE ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND AGRICULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENTS IN GENERAL.

5. ONLY U.S. VISIT WAS IN 1949 FOR SIX WEEKS STUDYING AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UNDER MARSHALL AID PROGRAM. BRIEF VISITS TO CONTINENTAL EUROPE.

6. DR. WALSH IS INTERESTED IN: (1) THE ORGANIZATIONS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH. (2) DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ORGANIZATION OF RESEARCH AND EXTENSION SERVICES IN AGRICULTURE. (3) DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY. (4) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE ENVIRONMENT AND AGRICULTURAL INTENSIFICATION. (5) DEVELOPMENTS IN FERTILIZER MANUFACTURE AND USE. (6) DEVELOPMENT IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. (7) "FARMERS IN BUSINESS" DEVELOPMENTS ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO DEVELOPMENTS IN CO-OPERATION. (8) AS SECRETARY OF THE ROYAL IRISH ACADEMY HE WOULD WISH TO MAKE CONTACT WITH GENERAL SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE U.S. THROUGH THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND OTHER RELATED BODIES SUCH AS THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE, OF WHICH HE IS A FELLOW. AS MEMBER OF NUCLEAR ENERGY BOARD IN IRELAND HE IS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN AGRICULTURE. (10) GENERAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE INTENSIFICATION OF AGRICULTURE WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO MEAT PRODUCTION.

7. DR. WALSH SUGGESTS CONCENTRATING VISIT ON MAJOR CENTERS WITH WHICH EH HAS ALREADY HAD CONSIDERABLE PREVIOUS CONTACT. THESE ARE: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON; CORNELL UNIVERSITY; IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE; MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL SYSTEM AND TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY.

8. DR. WALSH CAN BE IN U.S. FROM AUGUST 15 - SEPTEMBER 15. NAME CHECKS REVEALS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION. SORENSON UNCLASSIFIED

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